

REMARKS

The Official Action dated 22 January 2004 has been carefully considered, along with cited references, applicable sections of the Patent Act, Patent Rules, the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure and relevant decisional law.

Claim 7 is objected to because of several informalities: in line 3 “said housing” should be replaced with --a casing--.

In response, claim 7 has been amended according to the Examiner’s suggestions.

Claims 8-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. There is insufficient antecedent basis for the limitation “said motor” in line 2 of claim 8.

In response, claim 8 has been amended to be dependent on claim 6 which includes the antecedent basis for the limitation “said motor” of

claim 8.

Claims 1, 2, 4 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Fassauer (USPT 4,513,688).

Claims 1, 2, 5 and 8-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Reece (USPT 6,427,628).

However, the Examiner has kindly indicated that claims 3 and 7 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if written in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In response, claim 3 which is indicated to be allowable has been deleted, and has been included into claim 1.

Claims 2 and 4-6 are dependent on the amended claim 1.

Claim 7 which is indicated to be allowable has been written in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 8 has been amended to be dependent on claim 6.

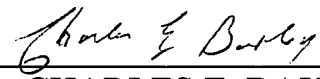
Claim 9 is dependent on claim 8.

Claim 10 is dependent on claim 9.

Accordingly, claims 1-2 and 4-10 would appear to be allowable, and early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is accordingly most respectfully solicited.

Courtesy and cooperation of Examiner ZERR are appreciated.

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